
DIGEST

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HB No. 564

Abstract: Creates the crime of trafficking of children for sexual purposes and provides for criminal penalties.

Proposed law creates the crime of trafficking of children for sexual purposes and defines it as follows:

- (1) To knowingly recruit, harbor, transport, provide, solicit, sell, purchase, or otherwise obtain a person under the age of eighteen years for the purpose of engaging in commercial sexual activity.
- (2) To knowingly benefit from participation in a venture which has engaged in activity prohibited by proposed law.
- (3) For any parent, legal guardian, or person having custody of a person under the age of eighteen years to knowingly permit or consent such minor to enter into any activity prohibited by proposed law.

Proposed law defines "commercial sexual activity" and "venture".

Proposed law provides for the following criminal penalties:

- (1) General penalty includes a fine of not more than \$50,000, imprisonment at hard labor for 15 to 50 years, or both.
- (2) When the victim is under the age of 14, the perpetrator shall be fined not more than \$75,000, and imprisoned at hard labor for 25 to 50 years, with a minimum mandatory sentence of 25 years.
- (3) When the perpetrator is a parent, legal guardian, or person with custody of a minor, he shall be required to serve at least five years of the sentence imposed without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.
- (4) When the perpetrator is a parent, legal guardian, or person with custody of a victim who is under the age of 14 years, the perpetrator shall be required to serve at least 10 years of the sentence imposed without benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

Proposed law provides that the multidisciplinary team approach applicable to children who have been abused or neglected, to the extent practical, shall apply to the children who are victims.

(Adds R.S. 14:46.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Amends the criminal penalties to provide for enhanced penalties when the victim is under the age of 14 years.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Includes the sale and purchase of a person under the age of 18 years within the definition of the crime.